

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 19 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,897,265. Applicants submit with this Amendment a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of Claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 19.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for omission of a reference to the parent application 10/282,843, now U.S. Patent No. 6,897,265, in the specification as originally filed. Applicants have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and reworded to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer under under 37 C.F.R.

1.321(c), and the rejection of independent Claim 1, upon which Claim 5 depends, is rendered moot. Accordingly, Claims 1 to 19 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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